

REMARKS

Claims 1 through 27 are pending in this Application, of which claims 19 through 23 stand withdrawn from consideration pursuant to the provisions of 35 C.F.R. § 1.142(b). New claim 27 has been added, dependent upon claim 1. Care has been exercised to avoid the introduction of new matter. Indeed, adequate descriptive support for the present Amendment should be apparent throughout the originally filed disclosure, as, for example, the paragraph bridging pages 16 and 17 of the written description of the specification. Applicants submit that the present Amendment does not generate any new matter issue.

Response to Requirement for Election of Species

In the Office Action dated April 18, 2006, the Examiner imposed a requirement for election of species pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 121, requiring election of one of the following Species:

- Species I. Claims 1 through 18 and 24 through 26, directed to convex support portions arranged on both sides of said rich portion at a prescribed interval from the rich portion;
- Species II. Claims 19 through 23, directed to a second metal electrode, formed on the first metal electrode with superior adhesiveness to the first metal electrode.

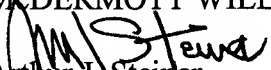
In response, Applicants elect to prosecute Species I. Applicants further list claims 1 through 18 and 24 through 27 as readable on elected Species I, consistent with the Examiner's determination. New claim 27 is dependent upon claim 1, and is as readable on elected Species I. Favorable consideration of claims 1 through 18 and 24 through 27 is solicited.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper,

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including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 500417 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

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